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SUBJ: LOS: MEETING WITH LATIN AMERICAN GROUP

1. VARIOUS MEMBERS OF LATIN AMERICAN GROUP ADVISED CHAIRMAN OF US DEL THAT AT MEETING YESTERDAY MORNING, GROUP AGREED THAT MEMBERS WOULD WORK FOR POSTPONEMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE CONFERENCE IN SANTIAGO TO JULY/AUGUST WITH 3-WEEK PREPARATORY SESSION TO BE HELD IN GENEVA OR NEW YORK IN MARCH/APRIL. THE STATED REASON FOR THE POSTPONEMENT WAS STRONG SPEECH BY SOVIET DELEGATE IN PLENARY AUGUST 23 IN THE MORNING AND PERSONAL ATTACK BY SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ON CHAIRMAN OF LATIN AMERICAN GROUP, AGUILAR, IN LATE NIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE II SESSION AUGUST 23.

2. MEMBERS OF GROUP INDICATED SOVIET ATTITUDE INDICATED SANTIAGO APRIL/MAY SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WOULD BE FAILURE AND NECESSARY TO HAVE ADDITIONAL PREPARATORY SESSION. SESSION WOULD BE MEETING OF ENTIRE CONFERENCE INCLUDING NEW MEMBERS. IN VIEW OF SOVIET APPROACH, LATINS PROPOSE TO WORK FOR VOTING RATHER THAN CONSENSUS AT MEETING.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH ZEGER OF CHILE AND CASTENADA OF MEXICO, CHAIRMAN ADVISED THAT NO PRESENT INTENTION TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT THIS IS LATIN AMERICAN GROUP'S
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POSITION BUT RATHER TO WORK FOR THIS DECISION AT THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4. CASTENADA AND ZEGERS RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO STEVENSON'S SUGGESTION THAT IF THEY DO PUT FORWARD THIS PROPOSAL, PROPOSAL NOT BE CAST IN TERMS OF POSTPONEMENT OF CONFERENCE BUT RATHER IN TERMS OF SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL SESSION.

5. BITTERNESS OF ENTIRE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP TOWARDS SOVIET POSITION AND DELEGATION VERY HIGH.

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